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Ottawa, March 18th., 1919.

Sir,-

I beg to transmit herewith one copy of an account of \$40.00 which the Department received from Mr. Wm. Fitzrandolph for the burial expenses of Mary Luxey. This account was forwarded to the Department by Mrs. Harnish while she held office as Acting Indian Agent at Annapolis. Enclosed herewith also is copy of a letter of the 14th March from Mrs. Harnish in the matter. The Department did not authorize her to make purchase of the casket charged for in the account at \$30.00, and I beg to say that it is not usual for payment in excess of \$10.00 to be allowed for a coffin for the burial of an Indian. (In every case where a cheap coffin cannot be procured, the friends of the deceased should be supplied with material wherewith to make a coffin.)

Funeral expenses of destitute Indians should be conducted on the same basis as the funerals of pauper Whites and consequently the very cheapest rates should be obtained. An undertaker who supplies an expensive coffin or funeral furnishings does so at his own risk, as the Department will not be responsible for payment of large expenses in cases of this kind.

In

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Indian Agent,  
Lequille, N.S.

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